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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORK
INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to a First Office Action mailed in the above-identified Patent application on January 27, 2005, Applicant herewith submits an Amendment and Response to First Office Action.

Amendments to the drawings are discussed beginning on page 2;

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